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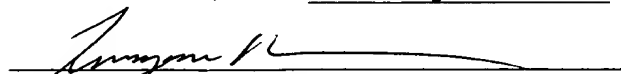
RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

The decision of the Board of Appeals was rendered on October 13, 2006 (a copy of the first page of the Decision is enclosed herewith). On November 1, 2006, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed out by the Patent Office. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is enclosed herewith. However, as provided under 37 CFR 1.197, Applicants had two months to take a further action. On December 13, 2006, a Request for Continued Examination containing a request for suspending action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for three months. In light of the above facts, Applicants respectfully submit that an
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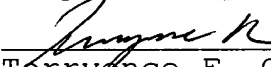

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abandonment in fact did not occur as Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination within two months of the mailing date of the Decision of the Board of Appeals. Also enclosed herewith is an Examiner's Interview Summary Record dated September 12, 2008 in which the Examiner admits that the Notice of Abandonment was filed prior to the two month date from the Decision of the Board of Appeals and that Applicants' Request for Continued Examination was filed within two months of that Decision. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that a submission of the Request for Continued Examination in fact constituted a reconsideration of the holding of abandonment and that the present application in fact is not abandoned since Applicants undertook all actions required by it before the two month date.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be reinstated by the Patent Office and prosecution continued.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

Respectfully submitted,


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711.03 Reconsideration of Holding of Abandonment; Revival

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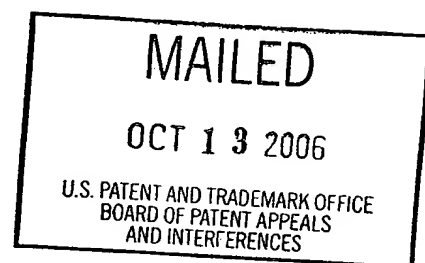
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte JUNZO SUNAMOTO, KUNIO SHIMADA, AKIO HAYASHI
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Appeal No. 2006-2554
Application No. 09/936,953

ON BRIEF



Before SCHEINER, MILLS and LINCK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

LINCK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION ON APPEAL

This is a decision on appeal under 35 U.S.C. § 134 from the final rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-12, all of the pending claims in Application No. 09/936,953, filed Sept. 17, 2001 (hereafter the "953 application").

Claim 1 is the only independent claim. It reads:

1. A cosmetic product comprising 99.999-50 wt. % of cosmetic components, a solvent containing at least one of a volatile oil and a volatile organic solvent and 0.001-50 wt. % of a pullulan-cholesterol derivative formed by substituting the hydroxyl groups of mono-saccharide units constituting the pullulan of the pullulan-cholesterol derivative, in



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Notice of Abandonment

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☒ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 13 October 2006 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

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SHENGJUN WANG
PRIMARY EXAMINER
Yong S. Chong

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) YONG S. CHONG.

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(2) Mr. Terry Chapman.

(4) _____

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Date of Interview: 12 September 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Yong S Chong/
Examiner, Art Unit 1617

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney called Examiner to determine what the status of the case was. Apparently, Attorney had filed a RCE within 2 months of the Board Decision to affirm the Examiner. However, an Abandonment was filed prior to that, which prevented the RCE from being entered into record. Unfortunately since the case is already abandoned it is up to Applicant to revive the case since the Examiner cannot do anything at this point. It was suggested that the Applicant file a petition to withdraw the abandonment since Applicant has responded to the Board Decision within 2 months as verified by the record.